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Dear Young Anabaptists,

Grace and peace to you on behalf of the YABs (Young Anabaptists) Committee!

We are so excited for the upcoming **Global Youth Summit (GYS)** in Indonesia 2022. This year's annual YABs Fellowship Week will take place during GYS instead of the 3rd week in June as has been customary. We are disappointed that only delegates will attend the GYS, but we hope that by using these YABs Fellowship Week materials, you will be able to fellowship cross-culturally with young Anabaptists (ages 18-30) through Bible discussion, worship, prayer and the sharing of stories. You can visit the YABs Facebook and Instagram feeds for livestreamed sessions.

As the YABs committee, our vision is that on the foundation of our Anabaptist identity, through global and local networking, we can walk together, empowering and supporting each other as young Anabaptists in fellowship, decision-making and peace-making initiatives. Often we don't realize we have a global community that shares our same roots in Anabaptism.

This year, our **7th annual YABs Fellowship Week** continues to strengthen our global sense of Anabaptist community within the young adult context. During this time (**1–4 July 2022**) youth and young adult groups from all over the world can participate (see below) by sharing prayer requests and praise with each other, and discussing Scripture based on our theme, **sealed in the Spirit** (Ephesians 1:13-14) which correlates with our larger theme of GYS in Indonesia this year: "Life in Spirit."

As young people, we are not just the future of the church, but the present. A diverse family, we all have gifts and lessons to offer in our local and global church, both as individuals and collective cultures.

So, consider this **an official invitation to participate** in YABs Fellowship Week. Although we can't be together physically, we can worship together in spirit and in truth as we strive to live kingdom-focused lives in our respective cultures and countries.

How can you participate? Here are some suggestions below!

- Use and adapt the materials (Scripture, songs, discussion questions, prayer requests, testimonies, media, etc.) to your young adult group that week. Available via Facebook and our <u>website</u>
- Share with us! It could be the impact of GYS, a testimony of how
 God is working in your local context, a meaningful worship song, a
 prayer or prayer request, etc. We want to be able to share these
 things on a broader scale. Please send via Facebook or by email at
 yabs@mwc-cmm.org



- Organize a YABs Fellowship Week event in your local community with other
 youth/young adult groups! Fellowship within the broader Anabaptist community in your
 area/region. It doesn't have to be complicated; just get together to worship, play, discuss
 and pray together.
- **Join the discussion in a private** <u>Facebook group</u> and meet other YABs from around the world and share conversations on our different perspectives. You can find the Facebook group at www.facebook.com/groups/younganabaptists
- Follow us on Facebook and Instagram to stay engaged via social media! #YABs #globalfaithfamily #mwcmm #yabsprayer
- **Send us feedback** on YABs Fellowship Week after the event and submit input on future YABs projects. Email yabs@mwc-cmm.org.

Thank you for joining us in this endeavour! We eagerly anticipate hearing from you and are so grateful that God has blessed us with you all as a part of our global family!

May the peace of Christ be with you and may God's Word dwell in you richly,

The YABs Committee

Please feel free to contact your regional YABs representative with any questions you may have.

*A new YABs Committee will be appointed after the GYS in July 2022. Watch for information about the new representatives

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